Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

A Collect for Christmas: "O heavenly Father, who has declared thy love to men by the birth of the Holy Child at Bethlehem, help us to welcome him with gladness and to make room for him in our common days; so that we may live in peace with one another, and in goodwill with all thy family; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

It is poor taste to single out just one of your Christmas cards and not mention others. But we cannot refrain from reporting that the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce sent out beautiful Christmas cards in the form of a folder with a snow scene at the McLean House at Appomattox on the front, and an excellent statement on page two. The statment included this: "Christmas after Appomattox .. when the silence of snow blankets the earth .. the silence of peace that follows war, the quiet of expectancy. A nation awaits amid the hush at this time of year when in years agone Christian life began .. awaits the resurgence of faith to go ahead upon a new road to a stronger union. Are not all Christmases such .. the resurgence of faith, the regrouping of our ideals for forward progress?"

What a wonderful gesture that was from the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce! And, today how we feel affection and friendship for our sister Hill City in the tragic aftermath of the fire which marred their Christmas season early yesterday morning. In time of trouble, the world is drawn close together. The universal plea is: What can we do to help?

Our closest friends know full well our editorial fondness for quail. Through the years our friend, F. L. Murphy has often remembered us with gifts of birds during the hunting season. He was in our office a few weeks ago, and it came out that he had been having some trouble with one of his eyes and doubted that he would be able to bag many birds this season. So, we resigned ourselves to a quest for other delectable dishes. But .. bless him and us .. Brother Murphy came in last week-end with birds for our dinner! And the best we ever tasted. We thanked him, and then inquired about his hunt .. and it developed that he had shot four times and bagged six birds! Not bad for a sportsman who had been worried about his eyesight!

I have had one rule through the years as to Christmas cards. When they start coming in, I put them in a box and never open any of them .. until Christmas Day. Then I take them all home, and usually it is late in the day, often night, when all is quiet, before I get around to spreading out a card table and open and read every one of my precious Christmas cards. No one can ever say they got a Christmas card from me merely because they sent me one first and I rushed to return one. I never read them until Christmas night, and it is a highlight of the day. But this year, Mother Brightleaf and I sort of made an exception. The exception was that all cards addressed to "Mr. and Mrs." went into the box, to be opened Christmas night, but when one came along addressed to just one of us, we died of curiosity to know who had shown such partiality! And so it was that I opened one card addressed to MRS. Calvin Robinson, and found that it was from Presidential hopeful and Mrs. Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee. Picture of the family, and all that. Well! To even up, I opened the one mentioned above from Lynchburg, which had been addressed just to me.

We want to congratulate those responsible for the dignified and most effective lighting of the new Appomattox Court House for this Christmas. We drove by the other night and it left us feeling that we have some very talented people in our town.

It is no longer a secret that the American people have the know-how, and if you put out the necessary cash you can get most anything you need. But it is when volunteers, without pay, do a perfect job .. that the time comes to say, "thank you." I was thinking of our volunteer firemen here in Appomattox. These fellows are something extra. I know, because when the alarm sounds, I rush to the back door of our shop .. and as if by miracle, they appear out of nowhere, everywhere .. from their jobs, their homes .. and in seconds —not minutes.. they have the fire truck out and on the way to the danger spot. I have seen pictures of PAID full-time firemen sliding down a pole in a firehouse to get to the engines .. but I have never known a locality which had a more prompt fire company than Appomattox. Ned Hancock is the chief. Take a bow, Ned. But, too, each and everyone of our volunteer firemen. My only gripe is the lack of statistics. Would that we had the figures for this year: as to how long it was, on the average, between the sounding of the alarm and the arrival of the firemen on the scene! It might go a long way toward getting us cheaper insurance rates.

Children, of course, are likely to think more of receiving than giving. Like the two youngsters who were dragging a large, awkward sack through the toy department of a large store. Because they were making a great deal of noise and getting in everyone's way, a floor-walker approached them. "Now, boys," he said, "if you keep on being troublesome, Santa Claus won't come to your house."

The two youngsters stopped lugging their burden just long enough to ask, "Who do you think we got here in this sack?" -Hugh Scott, Today.

We should remember that it was a Jew who wrote: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." It was an Episcopalian who wrote, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Martin Luther himself wrote, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." A Catholic wrote "Silent Night." If we can share our hymns with one another, we should be able to do the same with other things. —From Bible Coin Unity.

Some day an enterprising manufacturer will corner the market by putting out an automobile model dated two or three years ahead, instead of only one. -Boston Globe.

Quotes: "Too many people confine their exercising to jumping at conclusions, running up bills, stretching the truth, and bending over backwards." -Margaret Firth, actress.

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Here we are down to the close of the year. Glad we made it. Though wounded by fray, it is something to be in the game pitching! So many have fallen by the wayside. Old friends are missing at each muster call. This year's end, one rallies the spirit of cheerly, and vows that for the New Year will be the best!

As one grows older, the "little joys of life" take on added importance. I went home very happy last night, because just before closing time, within ten minutes, we received new subscriptions to the paper. It is a wonderful thing, to have people walk in and WANT to subscribe to your paper! We solicit no subscriptions: it makes us sad to have it the other way, for subscriptions to be voluntary, so that all advertisers that we know of have QUALITY circulation.

We want to thank the rural correspondents, whose weekly news letters are the true backbone of this world paper. We could not continue without them.

Of course there is much to say at the end of the year. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bryant, on their golden wedding anniversaries! God pray that we may be privileged to be present on such an occasion. We are looking forward halfway.

The editor certainly made a mess of our Christmas cards this year. We ordered a raft of cards, with our name printed on them, and at the last moment Saturday afternoon when we had forgotten to mail them, Mid manage to send a dozen cards, and they probably arrived late.

With the last column of the year! We have let it go to press without saying a greeting to our old friend, Mrs. L. L. Burks, and to all others who were shut-in or hindered from being at their accustomed places of worship.

Now for 1956, let us resolve to keep on keeping on, to fight the good fight, to go forward, to forgive, and above all to contribute our mite to making the world better. Let it never be said that we gave anything but our BEST, every day, every hour.

And with one good health is a powerful hope. When we were out of Arizona a year or so ago, we met the college youth from back home who was in bad shape, and sent out West to recover. He got a job as a sheep herder. His boss warned him to be sure and round up all of the stray lambs at night. The fellow did so well out in that marvelous land that at sundown the boss reported he had corralled all the sheep and lambs, plus 47 jackrabbits and 22 cottontails.

Then we asked a fellow if it was really as dry out there near Tuscon. The reply said that it was. He said that when he came there he couldn't raise a word, had scarcely no hair on his head, hadn't the strength to climb two steps and had to be lifted into his bed. He looked all right now, in perfect health, so we asked how long he had been there. He answered: "I was born here."

Perhaps this month may come and health may be with you, but we have a friend who has endured a wonderful way to avoid the blues. Keep your nose out of other people's business.

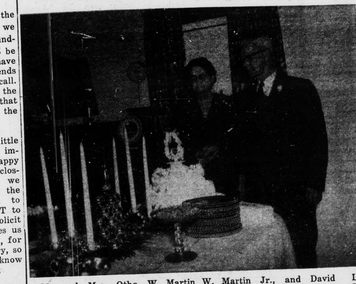
We have had amazingly mild weather for Christmas. Such spells usually cause old-timers to recall the weather of past years, and how bad it was in such and such year. Worst winter I recall was in the year 1916 or 1917. I was riding to school, five miles each way to Buckeye, back by the name of Old Dick. A horse by the name of Old Dick. Very well named, or else I was a poor rider, for I fell off at least once each day!

Only a few weeks ago, they were saying that it was going to be very severe this winter. And there is plenty of time for this to turn out that way.

But suppose that does it for 1955. Be that as it may, won't you, and we will see what can be done about 52 columns for 1956.

Burley tobacco acreage faces a 15 cent cut.

Celebrate Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Otho W. Martin celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Oakville, on Monday afternoon, December 26. More than 200 friends and relatives called during the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 P. M., to offer congratulations.

Decorations throughout the house consisted of Christmas greens, interspersed with lighted candles and arrangements of white and yellow flowers.

Receiving with the honored couple were their two sons, Otho W. Martin Jr., and David Lee Martin. Their daughters, Mrs. Hal C. Moore, Mrs. Hubbard Moore, Mrs. Robert B. Martin, Mrs. Maurice Williams, and Mrs. Beverley Martin, served intermittently at the punch bowl and in serving the anniversary cake. Assisting them were Mrs. Otho W. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. David Lee Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin were married December 27, 1905, at the Appomattox Methodist parsonage with Dr. W. L. Murphy as the officiating minister.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Home Demonstration Agent's schedule week of Jan. 2:

Monday, Jan. 2.- Country Lane Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. at the home demonstration office. The demonstration will be on rug making.

Tuesday, Jan. 3.- Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet at 10:30 A. M. with Mrs. D. M. Wood. The demonstration will be on pastries, and will be given by Mrs. Wood. Members bring cover dish to supplement the pastries for lunch.

Wednesday, Jan. 4.- Glendale Home Demonstration Club will meet at 10:30 A. M. with Mrs. Howard Nash. The demonstration will be on refreshments for special occasions and candy making, and will be given by leaders, Mrs. E. W. Marshall and Mrs. F. J. Nash, Sr.

Thursday, Jan. 5.- The Oakville Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr. Demonstration will be on knitting and crocheting and will be given by Mrs. Martin.

Thursday, Jan. 5.- Rocks Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Mary Ransom. The demonstration will be on knitting and crocheting.

BUCK KILL WEST OF THE BLUE RIDGE AHEAD OF '54

A final count of the deer killed west of the Blue Ridge Mountains indicates that there were 6,683 legally taken and tagged, according to Miss Marian Wooding, who has kept the records for the Game Division of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. Of that total, 325 were doe deer taken in South County, leaving a buck deer kill of 6,256, which is 556 bucks more than were killed west of the Blue Ridge in 1954.

Hunting pressures this year were not so great, probably because the season opened on the same day statewide. Hence, not so many hunters were in the mountains this time as there were last year.

When you shake your fist at someone, remember that all your fingers are pointing at yourself. - Chicago Daily Tribune.

Middle age is when work is no longer play, and play is getting to be work. - The Gossport, Pensacola, Florida.

You always feel better off after the first horseback ride. - Chicago Daily Tribune.

Farmers Union Elects Harvey As President

At a meeting of the Appomattox County Farmers Union held at the court house on Dec. 20, Peyton Harvey, of Evergreen, was elected president, and C. S. Rush, of Red House was elected vice-president. Martin E. Kraus, of Concord takes on his third year as secretary and treasurer. The following appointments were made to direct the districts of the county:

Southside: Aubrey Fleshman, assisted by J. A. Clapp, W. D. Hunter, Jr. and W. V. Jones.

Stonewall: John P. Alvis, Jr., assisted by C. Roland Smith, Claude Martin and Melvin Caldwell.

Clover Hill: W. J. Trent, assisted by J. F. Ranson, W. H. Shelton and H. C. Pulliam.

Director-at-large: C. T. Moses.

Farmers Union has high hopes of its major objectives being carried through in 1956. The major objectives are:

1. To help farmers obtain 100% of parity farm income, with at least 100% of parity prices.

2. Farm price supports at no less than 90% of parity on basic commodities (tobacco, peanuts, cotton, wheat, corn).

3. Realistic and effective price protection for milk and butterfat, beef cattle, chickens and eggs, and other farm commodities where practical.

4. Marketing quotas to insure a maintaining proper balance between supply and demand.

5. Administration of all farm programs by farmer elected committees.

6. Expansion and strengthening of the rural electrification and rural telephone program through farmer-owned cooperatives.

7. Expansion and simplification of the Agricultural Conservation program to the extent that its services and assistance will be available and practical for all farmers.

8. Adequate farm credit at reasonable interest rates.

9. Crop insurance in all counties.

10. Adequate funds for vocational agricultural education and for agricultural research and education.

11. A better understanding between farmers and consumers.

FAVORS VOTE "FOR" IN JAN. 9 BALLOTING

Richmond.- Va. Farmers Union has thrown its weight behind the drive for a "For" vote in the January 9 referendum to decide whether or not to hold a convention to amend the Virginia Constitution.

The farm organization's president, John B. Vance, of Amelia County, said amending the Constitution to permit the adoption of the Gray Commission's plan for avoiding forced integration of the races in the public schools is necessary, or else the state's school system will be abandoned. Vance said:

"Those who vote 'For' will be asking that free public education be continued in Virginia on the basis of a free choice by our citizens between integrated and segregated schools.

"A vote 'Against' will be a vote for the forced integration of the races in the schools or abandonment of public education.

"The Virginia Farmers Union urges a vote 'For.'"

Mountain Bears Scattered

Reports coming from west of the Blue Ridge Mountains are that relatively few bears are being killed or even seen by hunters.

According to C. F. Phelps, chief of the Game Division of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, this does not necessarily mean that there are fewer bears in the mountains, but may in all probability be due to the lack of mast which has caused these animals to scatter, so that there are none in the usual concentrations of bears in any area.

The hard freeze of cary spring, 1955, resulted in a very small crop of nuts and acorns in the mountains.

All marriages are happy — it's the living together afterward that causes all the trouble. - The Gossport, Pensacola, Florida.

Woman's Club To Meet Here January 9, 1956

Due to the fact that Monday, Jan. 2 is a holiday, the Woman's Club of Appomattox will meet instead on Monday, January 9. The meeting will be held in the high school cafeteria at 3 P. M. The Welfare Department, of which Mrs. Mildred Alvis is chairman, will present the program. MRS. ELIZABETH GREGORY, of Burkeville, field representative of the State Department of Welfare and Institutions will be the guest speaker.

MRS. E. Z. KING

Concord, Dec. 23.- Mrs. Lonis Victoria King, 71, wife of Elisha Z. King, of Concord, died today at her home after an illness of five years. She was born in Christiansburg, March 16, 1884, daughter of the late James F. and Isabelle Surface Payne. She was a member of Bethlehem Methodist church, Concord.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John Desmond, Lynchburg; Mrs. Leslie Robertson, Richmond; Mrs. Wiley Godsey, College Park, Md.; two sons, Clyde E. King, of Concord, and Harry R. King, of Riverdale, Md.

Funeral services were held at Bethlehem Methodist Church at 2 P. M. Saturday. Interment was in Concord Cemetery.

CAROLYN JANE MARTIN

Carolyn Jane Martin, four-year-old daughter of Glenn S. Martin and Ophelia S. Martin, Route 1, Appomattox, died Dec. 26 in a Lynchburg hospital, after an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 26, 1951. She is survived by her parents, her brother, Glenn Samuel Martin, Jr., and her paternal grandparents, Hunter F. and Lockie Maxwell Martin.

Funeral services were held from Rocks Baptist Church Tuesday at 2 P. M., conducted by a former pastor, Rev. D. L. Bailey. Interment was in the church cemetery. Music was furnished by the church choir. Pallbearers were Wilbur Maxwell, Joe Maxwell, Donald Paulette and Douglas Jennings.

LOCAL MEN NAMED TO ANGUS ASSOCIATION

D. W. and F. H. Carter, both of Appomattox have been elected to membership in the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association at Chicago, announces Secretary Frank Richards. The Carters were among the eight purebred Aberdeen-Angus breeders from Virginia elected to membership during the past month.

1955 Set Many Records in Appomattox

The 1955 news pattern for Appomattox County was divided right down the middle. On the debit side was a year of violence, crime and sudden death. On the credit side was steady and solid business progress.

Percentage-wise Appomattox had one of the worst records in the state for sudden death on the highways. And there were an alarming number of murders and acts of violence to mar the year.

To balance this, business was good, construction was heavy and the general standard of living advanced materially.

On the credit side of the ledger, the top news story was the sojourn in Appomattox of upwards of 400 pipeline workers, as Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp., of Houston, Texas, contracted with Williams Bros., Tulsa, Okla., to loop approximately 73 miles of its big pipeline through Central Virginia. Appomattox was headquarters for this project, and from early May through August, the town bustled with business activity and wrestled with the problem of finding housing for the pipeline workers and their families. The project was marked by a spirit of cooperation and goodwill. At its conclusion, The Pipeline Industry Magazine published an article by Calvin Robinson, Times-Virginian editor, heralding the big project as a pattern of how a small town can adjust itself to big time activity. The huge payrolls of Williams Bros. on this job pumped large sums into trade locally, and contributed to making 1955 a profitable year here.

Of equal importance was the fact of the return of labor tranquility on the industrial scene, as payroll industries experienced a year of volume production.

On the construction side, the completion and placing into use of the New Elementary School at Appomattox was the No. One news story. Due to consolidation and the gradual influx of more pupils, the Appomattox High School plant became inadequate to serve both as a county consolidated high school and as an elementary school. Foreseeing this development, the county school authorities gained public approval for a vast new construction project, and the New Elementary School, now in use, is the result. Meanwhile, the Pamplin High School was consolidated with Appomattox High School this session.

Other building construction during the year featured a new radio tower at Division III Headquarters of the State Police and a project for a new Residency office building for the Appomattox Residency of the State Highway Department.

Business Construction

In business construction, attention was focused on Main Street, Appomattox, where Simpson's Food Market and Marshall's Department Store were added to the business life of the community, and Hotel Appomattox changed ownership and underwent renovation.

On Route 460 through Appomattox, becoming increasing known as "Gasoline Alley," several new service stations were built and opened and each featured the most modern equipment and service.

Construction of residential housing continued at an unabated pace. Both within the incorporated limits of Appomattox and in its suburban area, housing projects went along at a fast rate. These new houses were of modern types, mostly one-story, and immediately became an asset to the over-all appearance of the community.

While new businesses were opening, and new services were being offered, the old established concerns were not resting on their oars. Many cases of expanded services and improved facilities could be mentioned, but typical of this category was the decision of Farmers National Bank to install a Night Depository and thus make it possible for customers to safeguard their cash after banking hours.

Political Activity

The political scene was very active in Appomattox County during 1955. There were two elections. In June there there was a town elec-

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Given national news coverage were a number of violent deaths in Appomattox County during 1955. Number One story in this category was the double murder at Evergreen on the night of February 25, when Dr. David A. Christian, III, and Jack Tucker fell victims of shots fired by Frank Mayberry. The popular young Appomattox physician had been called to Evergreen on a mission of mercy. Not knowing the identity of the man who stepped up on the front porch, Mayberry dropped him with a bullet. Mayberry had first shot his brother-in-law, Tucker. In a nationally-publicized trial, Mayberry ended up with two sentences of life in the state pen.

Other cases drawing wide attention, one making a national TV newsreel, included a shooting spree on Appomattox's "Mud Street" in which one was mortally wounded and several injured; and a case of a husband shooting his wife to death.

But capturing equal billing was the sad record on the highways. Appomattox County had a horrible 1955 on its roads, with a total of eight (8) deaths.

The amazing fact about the road deaths was that not a single one of them involved more than one vehicle. With two more days to go in the year, Virginia's 1955 death toll on the highways was pushing toward the 900 mark

The box score on the eight Appomattox highway deaths is listed elsewhere on this page.

8TH VICTIM OF YEAR ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 P. M. for Jesse Emmett Gunter, 73, Buckingham County farmer, who was killed when he was struck by a car on Route 24 at Vera, Appomattox County late Saturday while delivering Christmas packages to relatives.

Mr. Gunter was the 8th highway victim of 1955 in Appomattox Co.

He was born in Buckingham Co., March 18, 1882, son of Mrs. Eliza Webb Gunter and the late Charles Gunter. He is survived by his mother, and six sons, Charlie Gunter, of Manteo; Frank Gunter, of Shipman; Willie Gunter, of Richmond; Lee Gunter, and Tommy Gunter, Charlottesville, and Emmett Gunter, of Fairfax; four daughters, Mrs. Roy Ragland, Wingina; Mrs. Annie Lee Goolsby, Howardsville; Mrs. Gus Ragland, Richmond; and Mrs. Willie Heath, Gladstone; two brothers, four sisters, 14 grandchildren and 9 greatgrandchildren.

Magazine To Feature Jamestown Celebration

Richmond.- A painting of the three ships making a landing at Jamestown in 1607 has been selected for the cover of the all-Virginia edition of "The Ford Times."

Editors of the 64-page magazine have informed the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce officials that the painting was selected in keeping with the theme of the Jamestown Celebration, to be held in 1957. It will celebrate the 350th anniversary of the establishment of the first permanent British settlement in America at Jamestown.

FIRE RECORD IN VA.

Virginia experienced 131 forest fires in November, burning 722 acres, according to a nine-state survey.

EIGHT HIGHWAY DEATHS IN 1955, ALL NON-COLLISION

Appomattox County had eight (8) highway deaths during 1955. With two more days to go, this was one of the worst records in the county's history. Here is the record:

Jan. 15: Cecil Buck Stevens, on Route 26, non-collision.
Jan. 15: Raymond Edward Jamerson, Route 26, non-collision.
Janu. 15: (died Jan. 29) Calvin Phelps, Route 26, non-collision.
Feb. 13: Harvey Thompson, 67, Route 131, non-collision.
May 5: Emmett Taylor Simpson, 77, non-collision, Route 460.
July 12: Clyde Jackson White, 48, intersection 131 and 460, non-collision.
Oct. 18: James Eugene Chick, 82, Road 647, non-collision.
Dec. 24: Jessie Gunter, 73,, Route 24, non-collision.